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Title: **Method Of Manufacturing Cylindrical Body,  
And Friction Stir Welding Method**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER MPEP §609**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, §1.98, and MPEP §609, applicant encloses form PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner. Further to OG Date: 05 August 2003, the U.S. patent reference is not enclosed. The reference is discussed/cited in the Notice Of References Cited from co-pending application USSN 12/231,197, part of the Notice of Allowance received, and dated 15 April 2009.

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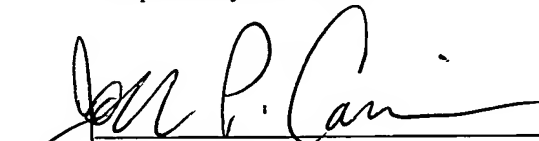
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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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